

DAILY STAFF MEETING

Thursday, 20 September 1951

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Colonel Hansen raised the question on what we should do regarding John Scali's request for information to be used in the piece he is doing for COLLIER'S. Colonel Hansen noted that while D/DCI and Mr. [] approved the release of this information to Scali, the Director had disapproved. He stated that he believed Mr. Dulles wished to discuss this matter further with the DCI. Mr. [] pointed out that if we released such information to one writer would we not be open to future requests for information of this nature. Hansen reiterated that while Scali's request might be considered a mild form of blackmail, he still believed we would be better off if we had some semblance of control over what might be written about us. It was agreed to defer further discussion with DCI on this matter until after he had returned from his trip.

Mr. Reber reported that:

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a. He believed a joint memorandum from [] OPC had been prepared regarding intelligence support for these two offices. He feels that we should proceed slowly in this matter until such time as State and the Services intelligence agencies could be convinced that any unit set up to furnish this support was not "encroaching on their territory".
b. He was holding discussions with the Coast Guard regarding intelligence support and port security.

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Mr. [] noted that OPC had accepted the changes in Confidential Funds Regulation 9.4, and that he was endeavoring to get [] also to accept them.

Mr. [] reported that:

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a. []
b. Trubee Davison has recommended that Lt. General [] USAF, Retired, be employed to handle CIA military personnel and problems connected therewith.

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In connection with the procurement of qualified "young people" for our Career Program, Colonel [] noted that the Merchant Marine Academy might possibly be a good source. Mr. [] will look into this.

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